Conducted by Pete Moffett, MMR
AP Chair

From planes to trains

Fred Verrier earns MMR No. 293

Fred received his first train for his 10th Christmas in 1940. It was a Lionel O-27 Commadore set. From 1942-52 Fred flew free-flight model airplanes. He was a member of the Baltimore Aerocraftsmen Club and flew in competition. Through high school and college he worked part time in various hobby shops around Baltimore. In 1952 Fred bought a Mantua HO Booster and started a layout in his den.

Fred joined the NMRA in 1957 and in 1959 moved to San Jose, Calif. After settling in a new house, he joined the Coast Division of the PCR in 1963. Fred attended his fist national Convention in San Francisco in 1968 where he was assistant Contest Chair under Bill Kennerly, MMR. Fred served as Coast Division Contest Chair from 1968 to 1970, Coast Division Director from 1970-72, and PCR Convention Chairman in 1983, which was the last fall convention before the region split into PCR and PSR. Fred also served as PCR AP Chair from 1989 until 1991.

He was a member of the South Side Shipping & Switching Society from 1968 to 1997 (HO). Most of the members were absorbed into the Nitty Grittys. In 1983 Fred joined the Nitty Gritty Narrow Gagers Modular Group modeling in On3 and he is still a member. Bob Brown, MMR, Editor and Publisher of the *Narrow Gauge & Short Line Gazette,* got Fred started in On3 back in the days of "Finelines" which was the predecessor of the NG&SLG.

Fred has earned Certificates of Achievement as a Master Builder-Motive Power, Cars and Structures, Chief Dispatcher, Association Official, Volunteer and a Model Railroad Author. He is still very active in the model contest room and in his two-car garage he is building an On3 layout based on the East Broad Top Railroad. He has been a member of "Friends of the East Broad Top" for over ten years.